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4-Hers focus on photography

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's Photography Project members (back row, left to right): Madison Evans, Britney Heathcote, Dana Gibson, Abby Baker, Kassandra Moores, Madeline Ludlage Eryn Smith, Hayley Vinge, (front) Morgan Baker and Leanna Gibson (missing from photo - Mackenzie Evans, Morgan Evans) were snapping up a storm at Elk Point Municipal Library last Wednesday. Their focus at this meeting was on closeups of flowers, and they're looking forward to an outdoor shoot of snow scenes in the near future, as they build portfolios of their work in preparation for a show at the club's Achievement Day on June 3.

Council sets top trail priorities

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point town council set the top priorities for this year's trail development at last week's meeting, agreeing to ask for engineering design and cost estimates on two projects, paving a trail along 50 Ave from 54 Street to the town limits Range Road 71, and steps and trail leading from the corner of RR 71 and Twp. Road 570 to the Elk Point Recreation Park.

The 50 Ave. trail was listed as a top priority in reports from all four groups that attended the Jan. 27 information, while the steps were in the top four priorities for three of the groups. Lighting along 50 Ave. west to RR 71 and on 54 St. south to Twp. Road 570 was also seen as a priority, and the town has already contacted ATCO Electric to get that work underway.

Further 2011 priorities will be set if funding permits.

Tax incentive

Council also dealt at length with tax incentives proposed by Elk Point Economic Development Committee.

For residential construction, the homeowner is currently exempt from the municipal portion of the town's property taxes for the calendar year construction gets underway and for the following year. The EDC proposed a change to 100 per cent exemption for the year the home is completed, 75 per cent the following year, 50 per cent the third year and 25 per cent the fourth year, but council preferred these numbers be changed to 100, 50, 25 and 25 per cent respectively, with the starting date to be determined. Homes moved in, either ready-to-move or used homes, would also qualify for the exemption.

The EDC suggested a five-year, 100 per cent exemption for new business construction, which is also currently at the two-year level, with some exceptions. Some large projects have been customized at council's discretion, Mayor Parrish Tung noted. Council did not feel a five-year exemption was in order, but did agree to three years at 100 per cent.

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Chamber looks back on "an excellent year"

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce looked back on "an excellent year" at their 2011 annual general meeting, with president Sandy Smith topping a lengthy list of accomplishments with the win of the Alberta Chamber of the Year award for the under-100 membership category.

"The completion of the Visitor Information EcoCentre brought to a close a five-year project," she noted. "That was phase one, and now we are expanding to include the partnership with Lakeland College as a site for the testing of solar and wind power. We watched the installation of the wind turbine tower, and hosted the visit from Premier Stelmach, who officially opened the building."

Tours of the facility and seminars on green energy options are planned for this year, and Smith says the oper-

ating budget for the coming year includes funds for "longer hours for our summer employee to meet the increased demand."

During the year, the chamber also hosted Danny Hooper and comedian Jimmy the Janitor in a pair of successful fundraisers for the Visitor Information EcoCentre, continued the longstanding traditions of the Canada Day pancake breakfast, the Christmas Extravaganza and the Christmas lighting and decorating contest, and built a mini-EcoCentre playhouse to be raffled, she noted.

The chamber's 2011 goals include support of the tax incentive plan and renovation incentives brought forward by economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko. "I would like to see the chamber come forward with more business attraction and retention ideas, and also strongly support downtown main street beautification," Smith said.

Smith, who called herself "the eternal optimist," also presented a projected budget for the coming year, showing increased revenue from grants and fundraisers for an encouraging profit on the bottom line.

Smith and the rest of her 2010 executive, vice president Debra McQuinn, treasurer Geoff Hyslop and secretary Vicki Brooker, were all returned to their positions by acclamation.

Membership fees for 2012 will remain at \$100 for a second year, and meetings will remain at noon at the Empress Restaurant on the first Wednesday of each month, and at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Information EcoCentre on the third Wednesday.

With the annual meeting formalities taken care of, the chamber got to work on upcoming events.

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Offender located on Hwy. 16

By Cst. JOHN SPAANS
Elk Point RCMP

On Feb. 9, RCMP from Elk Point, Bonnyville and Vermilion located a male known to be wanted on outstanding warrants driving on Highway 16. The male had been avoiding apprehension since this past summer and was wanted for various offenses, including identity fraud and possession of stolen property. When members attempted to stop the suspect's vehicle a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit carried on for a short distance before the suspect vehicle was rendered inoperable. The suspect male was taken into custody without further incident.

Shortly after the suspect male was taken into custody, a sawed-off shotgun and a cell phone were located in the

ditch alongside the highway.

Investigation into this matter led members to a property in Smoky Lake where a judicially authorized search warrant was executed. A search of the property turned up stolen property and illegal firearms.

Investigation into this matter continues.

Cory Fletcher, 33, of Bonnyville, and Keith McGinnis, 58, of Smoky Lake have been charged with numerous Criminal Code offenses.

Roadside suspension

At 11 p.m. on Feb. 9, Elk Point RCMP were called by a female who said that their vehicle broke down on Highway 897 entering Frog Lake. The caller was quite upset and could be heard arguing with a male. When members attended the location, the vehicle was running and a male was sitting in the driver's seat along with the female caller. Members quickly determined that both parties had been consuming alcohol and a roadside screening test was administered with the male. The 29-year-old Red Deer male was issued a 24-hour suspension.

"Excellent year" for chamber

Smith met with the new owners of the meat processing plant. Gary and Diane Proskiw have opened Lakeland Premium Packers and Processors and are "very happy to get involved" with the barbecue lunch the chamber is planning to host at the Visitor Information EcoCentre in conjunction with the Elk Point Trail Riders Vintage Snowmobile Show and Shine. The chamber will also serve hot chocolate and will have tickets on the playhouse available.

The chamber is moving ahead with the TD Bank Group sponsorship of the EcoEducation Room. Bob Bezpalko displayed the designs for the signage. TD representatives will be in attendance for the room's official opening on April 6 at 11 a.m., and will be invited to join the chamber for their noon meeting which follows.

The chamber has been in contact with the media man-

ager for CN Rail, who has offered to look in the company's archives for photos, etc., and who indicated he would like to attend the opening. Members agreed that he would be welcome to attend.

Bezpalko noted that he is "begging and pleading" for more photos and memorabilia to decorate the facility, and anyone who has such items and would be willing to contribute or loan them is invited to contact him.

Council

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Council turned down exemptions for new businesses purchasing and locating in an existing building or for businesses enlarging or remodeling their premises.

Campground power

Elk Point's River Campground is looking at a brighter future, with council agreeing to sign a deal with ATCO Electric to install the service for the reasonable cost of \$5,027. This would take the power to a pole at the east end of the campground, with further work to be completed at the town's cost. Council hopes to install power in the camp shelter and at the viewing deck.

MSI status

Town manager Myron Goyan gave a status report on Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding, with council agreeing to allocate \$39,041 that is available for capital projects to cover extra costs on the fire hall. A number of applications for operating funds have also been approved, with others to be reviewed further.

Garbage truck

Council studied the garbage collection trucks that are available, and agreed to support the recommendation made by the Public Works superintendent and purchase the truck he felt would best serve Elk Point's needs.

Industrial park

It is 14 months since council gave first reading to the structural plan for Elk Point's industrial park expansion, but the plan has not yet been registered because the town was waiting to see what size of property that purchasers would want. An extension was approved, but will soon be over, and the final drawings must be submitted by April 30. The outline plan can be registered, Goyan told council, with only the first phase detailed, and further phases can be registered later as development proceeds.

Enerflex MS Walk

Town council discussed participation in the May 7 Enerflex Multiple Sclerosis Walk. Some members of council plan to participate, but all agreed that town councils should take turns hosting.

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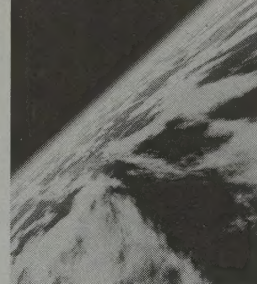
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Happenings at Heinsburg Community School

By CHRISTINE HAYNEE
Review Contributor

Students in the Grade 4/5 class at Heinsburg School have been participating in the Friends for Life program for the past 20 weeks. Dayna Sanders, school counselor, has been instructing students in proper coping strategies and skills for positive interaction with peers and adults.

The final celebration was held on Feb. 10th. Students received a certificate of completion from Mrs. Sanders and enjoyed sharing what they had learned with family members. We would like to thank the Elk Point and District Further Education council for making this program possible.

Also on Feb. 10th, the Students Against Drunk Driving committee held their first evening dance at Heinsburg School. All students who were in attendance had a great time. Music was provided by Chayton Lewis and the dance was organized by Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Goddard and the S.A.D.D. committee.

Heinsburg students from Grades 4 to 7 had their annual ski trip to Kinosoo Ridge on Feb. 10 and students from Grades 8 to 12 will be going skiing on March 11. Downhill skiing is an activity the students look forward to and the trip to the hill is always a success.

In other school news, the Grade 1 class had a recent reading challenge. Their goal was to read 300 books in one month. The Grade 1s exceeded their goal and read 500 books in the one month. Congratulations to the Grade

1 students!

On Feb. 15, the Grade 6 students attended the Oilers Hockey game courtesy of the Edmonton Oilers

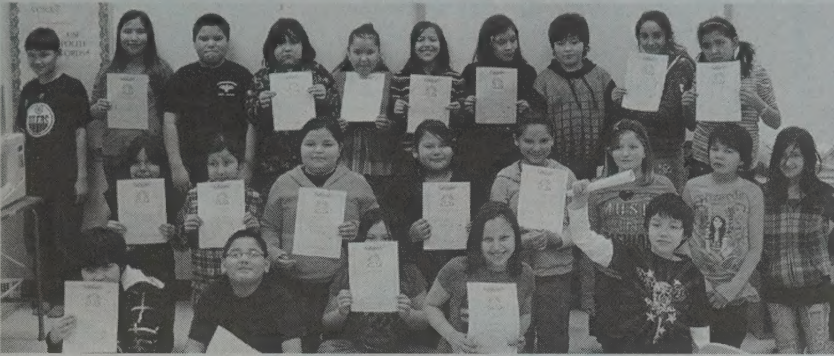
Reading Give it a Shot program. Every student in the Grade Six classroom had to read five books per month in order to enter the draw for

tickets. The hockey game was the Oilers versus the Dallas Stars. Well deserved grade six students!

On Feb. 22, the Dare to

Care program is coming to Heinsburg School. There will be a bullying presentation and workshops for ECS to Grade 7 with Lisa Dixon Wells to learn new skills. On March 3, Dwayne Peace from Dare to Care will be

doing presentations for Grades 8-12 and will return on March 9 for a follow up session. Both presentations were made possible with a donation from CENOVUS and Elk Point and District Further Education council.



Grade Four and Five students at their "Friends for Life" celebration.

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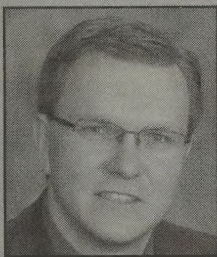
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A Public Hearing will be held on
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OBITUARY

**SMITH,
Harry David**

Harry David Smith, born in Elk Point on September 14, 1947, passed away on February 7, 2011 in Kelowna, BC. Survived by wife Sharon Smith of Red Deer, 3 sons - Edward of Sparwood, BC, David of Borden, ON., and Jeremy; one daughter Linda of Calgary; numerous nieces and nephews; one brother - Edward Smith of Elk Point and one sister Mary Smith of Bonnyville. He was predeceased by parents Edward & Helen Smith.

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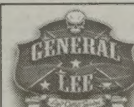
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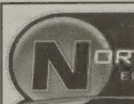
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EDITORIAL

Hide the elephants!

Warning to Canadian zoos - hide all your elephants, because Bob Barker is determined that they should "Come on down" to California.

It's not enough that he wants Edmonton's Lucy to make the move, now he wants not only the three from Toronto Zoo as well, he has stated flat out that "If we can get all of the elephants out of Canada, they're gonna be much happier."

How does he know that? Do retired game show hosts have the ability to communicate with pachyderms, while none of the rest of us have?

Why should Canadian children have to visit the USA in order to see a real, live elephant, instead of being able to visit one at a nearby zoo?

Bob, please stick to the Spay-and-Neuter. Instead of a few elephants, you'll save millions of unwanted pets from suffering through grim lives and grimmer deaths.

Way Back When...

Oil price drop, chamber upswing, quantum leap

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 22 IN...

1986

Fluctuating oil prices began to take their toll on the area, with work loads cut back by over half and some companies laying off more than two-thirds of their employees. Town council tied up their garbage issue, signing agreements for both residential and non-residential collection, establishing a charge for non-residential use of the landfill, and giving first and second readings to a bylaw prohibiting open burning within town limits.

1991

Fifteen-year canvassers Bev Peterson and Olga Ruzyski, 10-year canvassers Pat Swedgan, Lois Nichols and Peggy Anderson and five-year canvassers Myrna Fedorus, Sylvia Kleeberger and Jane Lowe were honoured for their volunteerism as the annual Red Cross campaign got underway. The chamber of commerce achieved an upswing in attendance by holding their meeting at 6 p.m. rather than noon, with the group considering alternating noon and evening meetings to get the most possible members taking part in the operation of the chamber.

1996

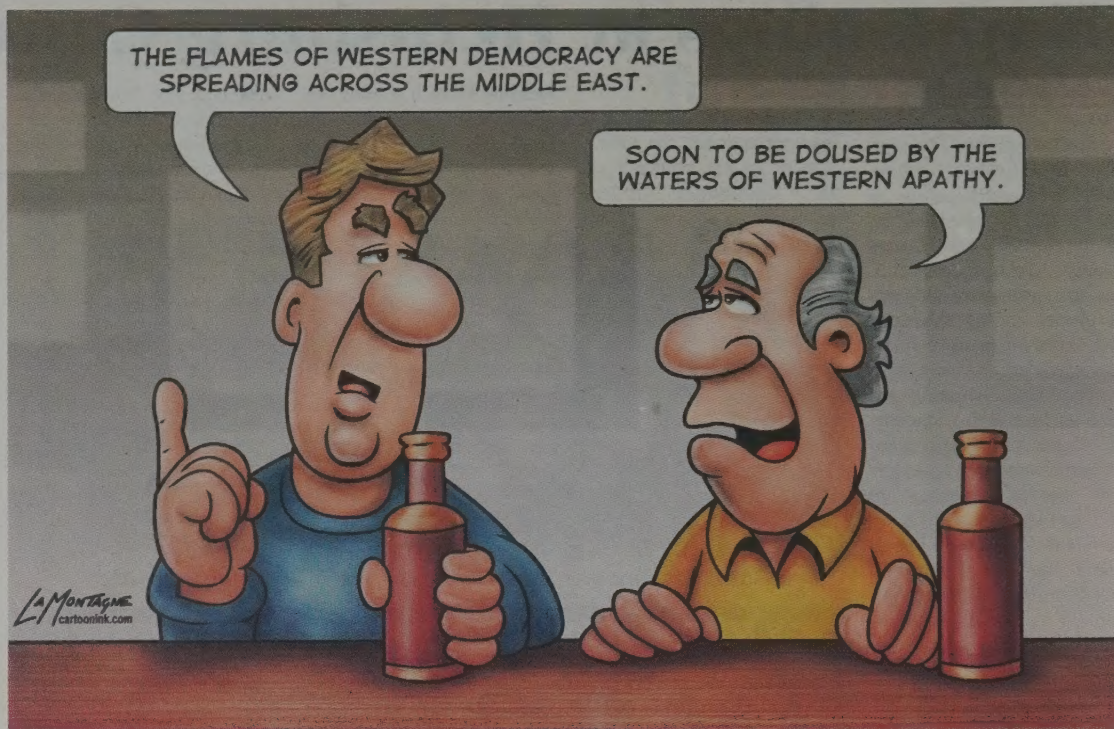
Town council heard a presentation on the provision of 911 emergency service, and agreed to wait for clarification on cost to residents before making a decision. F. G. Miller High School participants in a week-long exchange trip to Quebec arrived home just in time for a five-day weekend created by the teachers' convention and Family Day with a, sixth day added for rural students after buses were canceled due to icy roads.

2001

Diploma exam marks at F. G. Miller High School take "A quantum leap" according to principal Jim Hawkins, who said the 71.6 per cent average had gone "above and beyond our expectations." Provincial Liberal candidate Vital Ouellette urged for a return to a two-tier electricity system, for large and small users, when he spoke to the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce.

2006

Economic development topped the agenda at the chamber annual meeting, with Hanna, AB, Mayor Pat Burns as a dynamic guest speaker, outlining the economic development successes in that community. Rev. Dale Lang of Taber, whose son died in a school shooting, brought a message of forgiveness and love for fellow man when he spoke at F. G. Miller High School and Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre on Valentine's Day.



GUEST COLUMN

Patience! Now!

Yesterday was Family Day in Canada. It was also Monday, the last day of a very long weekend for our young people who attend either the Elementary or Jr./Sr. High Schools in Elk Point. They actually were able to leave school on Wednesday, February 16th at noon because of early dismissal and not attend school Thursday or Friday because of Teachers' Convention. So there you go - they had a long weekend.

Speaking of Family Day, teachers' convention, parents and students, patience seems to be an important component in receiving a positive value in any of these happenings. Patience is involved because, even though the days off were scheduled, a possible question was being asked. "What do I do now?" For example, we are expecting with the long weekend for our children, we are assuming they will be experiencing instant gratification for their break and they will know how to make it so.

Speaking of children I found a story that had some interesting points. In the 1960s, a professor at Stanford University began a modest experiment testing the willpower of four-year-old children. He placed before them a large marshmallow and then told them they could eat it right away or, if they waited for 15 minutes, they could have two marshmallows. He then left the children alone and watched what happened behind a two-way mirror. Some of the children ate the marshmallow immediately; some could wait only a few minutes before giving in to temptation. Only 30 percent were able to wait. It was mildly interesting experiment, and the professor moved on to other areas of research. But as time went on, he kept track of the children and began to notice an interesting correlation: the children who could not wait struggled later in life and had more behavioral problems, while those who waited tended to be more positive and better motivated, have higher grades and incomes,



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EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk

and have healthier relationships. What started as a simple experiment with children and marshmallows became a landmark study suggesting that the ability to wait - to be patient - was a key character trait that might predict later success in life.

Waiting can be hard. Children know it, and so do adults. We don't want to wait. Some even feel their blood pressure rise when their line at the grocery store moves slower than those around them. Patience - the ability to put our desires on hold for a time - is a precious and rare virtue. We want what we want, and we want it now. Therefore, the very idea of patience may seem unpleasant and, at times, bitter.

Dieter F. Uchtdorf tells another story. "When I was 10 years old, my family became refugees in a new land. I had always been a good student in school - that is, until we arrived in West Germany. There, my educational experience was a significantly different one. The geography we studied in my school was new to me. The history we studied was also very different. Before, I had been learning Russian as a second language; now, it was English. This was hard for me. Indeed, there were moments when I truly believed my tongue simply was not made to speak English. Because so much of the curriculum was new and strange to me, I fell behind. For the first time in my life, I began to wonder if I was simply not smart enough for school. Fortunately I had a teacher who taught me to be patient. He taught me that steady and consistent work - patient persistence - would help me to learn. Over time, difficult subjects became clearer - even English. Slowly I began to see that if I applied myself consistently, I could learn. It didn't come quickly, but with patience, it did come. From that experience, I learned that patience was far more than simply waiting for something to happen - patience required actively working toward worthwhile goals and not getting discouraged when results didn't appear instantly or without effort."

From these two examples, children, parents, teachers and families can learn that by working actively, and consistently with patience, goals can be reached. Children can become better students, Teachers can become better Teachers, and families can be happier together. Patience is not a NOW action word.

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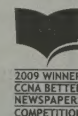
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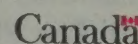
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Frog Lake's top athletes are proud of their showing at the Golden Bears Track and Field Competition.

CNCS wins medals

By TAMMY LONG

Chief Napewaew Comprehensive School

On the weekend of Jan. 21, the Chief Napewaew Comprehensive School track and field team attended the Golden Bears Track and Field competition.

In the Pee Wee Girls division, Torrie Dion won a silver medal in the 600-meter race and Jordan Cardinal won a bronze medal in the same event. Bobbie Quinney came in sixth in the High Jump. In the Pee Wee Boys division, Colton Moyah won a silver medal in the 600-meter race and Jeremy Paul came in third out of 52 athletes in Shot Put.

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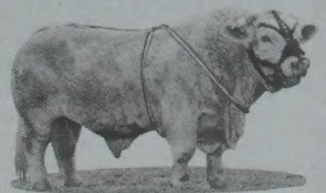
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Trip of the month

By SANDIE BISHOP

Elk Point
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Thanks to the generous supporters of the Trip of the Month raffle, the Community Lions Club has money to support local sports teams, community organizations, schools, health care programs, and families in need. Requests for donations may be sent to Community Lions of Elk Point, Box 432, Elk Point, T0A 1A0. Each request will be evaluated on its merit and benefit to Elk Point and area.

The February draw will feature a trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. Watch this paper for results!

RCMP

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Impaired driving

On Feb. 9 at 1:20 p.m., RCMP were contacted by a concerned citizen who had observed a suspicious vehicle parked on the side of Highway 41 for approximately one hour. When members attended the location, a male was found sleeping in the driver's seat of the running vehicle. The male was disoriented and under the influence of alcohol. Subsequent breath samples were obtained and the 20-year-old Medicine Hat male was found to have a blood alcohol level in excess of the legal limit. The man has been charged with impaired care and control of a motor vehicle.

Suspected theft

On Feb. 6 at 5 a.m., Elk Point RCMP were called to a residence in Frog Lake by a female who reported a theft of two cell phones. Members spoke with the female who suspected a male relative had taken the phones that had been left on a kitchen table during a visit. The suspect male was spoken to and it was determined that the phones had not been stolen. The two phones had been left on the table and were snatched up by young children who were playing in the residence. The female complainant spoke with the children and located her phones, safe and sound.

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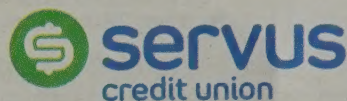
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